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## Daniel Valadas is new Ludlow Police Chief

By Jonah Snowden  
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LUDLOW – On Wednesday, June 3rd, former Police Lieutenant Daniel J. Valadas was officially sworn in as the new Police Chief for the Town of Ludlow.

Valadas said being sworn into his new role feels like a tremendous honor and a “culmination of everything” he worked for during the last 30 years with the police department, since he first patrolled the streets of Ludlow as a 23-year-old. “Even then I felt so privileged to be a police officer,” Valadas said. “It’s an honorable, noble profession.”

Valadas said he was inspired to pursue a career in law enforcement in his first couple of classes at Holyoke Community College.

“Right then and there, meeting police officers, professionals, people that were in the federal service, it was that influence that really helped me,” Valadas said. “Shortly after, I joined the United States Army Reserves as a Military Police Officer, and



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden

**Newly appointed Ludlow Police Chief Daniel J. Valadas being sworn in by Town Clerk Kim Batista.**

then, it was just like I was driven, that was what I wanted to do. I honestly feel to this day, 30 years later, that I’m doing what I’m supposed to be doing,

it’s been 35 years since my first college class, and I still feel like this is what I was meant to do.”

Valadas has been a police officer with the Ludlow Police

Department for over 30 years, ten of which he served as a patrol officer, and 15 years as a pa-

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## Manny Silva is new Board of Selectmen chair

*The Board also approved five restaurants for outdoor dining*

By Elise Linscott  
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LUDLOW – In the Board of Selectmen’s first meeting since the June 1st Annual Town Election, selectmen unanimously elected Manuel “Manny” Silva as the board’s new chairman and William “Bill” Rosenblum as the new vice-chairman.

Derek DeBarge, who opened the board’s June 2nd meeting as chairman for the last time, said being in that role for the last 14 months was challenging at times, but working with town officials and department heads had been “nothing but stellar.”

“It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman for the last year-plus, extending... through the beginning of the pandemic,” DeBarge said.

Selectman Antonio Goncalves thanked DeBarge for his work doing “a fantastic job over

the last 14 months” and nominated Silva to be the new chairman.

“Our friend Mr. Silva is going to be retiring in a couple weeks and maybe we can give him something to do also,” Goncalves said. The nomination was seconded by Carmina Fernandes, who’d served alongside DeBarge as vice-chair over the last year. Silva’s nomination was unanimously approved by the board.

Goncalves then nominated Rosenblum as vice-chairman, which was also unanimously approved.

The board later approved five restaurants’ plans for outdoor dining: The Ludlow Country Club, Primavera Restaurant, Vanished Valley Brewing Company and the Polish American Citizens’ Club, in accordance with rules and regulations laid out by the government under phased reopening plans. Brookside Cafe was also approved on the condition they install barriers near the seating area, since it’s only 18 feet from the roadway.

## Orlando Ramos campaigns for 9th Hampden District seat

By Jonah Snowden  
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INDIAN ORCHARD – Minutes after the announcement on Jan. 29th that 9th Hampden District State Representative Jose Tosado would not seek reelection, Springfield Ward 8 City Councilor Orlando Ramos officially began his campaign.

Since being elected to the Springfield City Council in 2013 and sworn in January 2014, Ramos said he has constantly worked for and supported his community.

During his time as a councilor, Ramos said he’s learned there are limits to what can be accomplished at the local level, and some of the issues that the public faces can be better addressed at the state level.

The experience that helped him come to this conclusion also stems from his time working at the Massachusetts State House as district director for State Senator Jim Welch (D-Hampden) from 2010 to



Courtesy Photo

**Springfield City Councilor Orlando Ramos is currently running for State Representative in the 9th Hampden District.**

2019. In that role, Ramos’ responsibilities included aiding with writing legislation and attending events throughout the district on the Welch’s behalf.

“I’ve already had the opportunity to serve and help

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Town of Ludlow weekly update

LUDLOW – As of June 5<sup>th</sup>, we have approximately 118 positive cases of COVID-19 with six deaths. According to our Board of Health, we have no new positive cases to report since our last update from this past Tuesday’s Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

Also, a thank you to Annette Polansky, Beverly Fiecha, Beth Catarino, Carol Pickens, Karen Casavant, Linda Drewniak, Alfred and Isabel Ribeiro for your generous donations of masks and/or materials to make masks going towards our “Free Mask Drive” set for the near future.

From the Board of Public Works, a reminder the mandatory Dual Stream Recycling starts July 1st. The DPW will be mailing information about a Dual Stream recycling bin, you can pick one up at the Transfer Station, or call 583-5625 to make arrangements to pick one up at the DPW office. If you want to get in the habit of Dual Stream recycling before it becomes mandatory, you should put out pa-


per and cardboard next week and plastic, metal and glass containers the following week.

Please remember all Town facilities are still closed to the public until further notice.

Please be respectful and kind to each other - WEAR YOUR MASK - and if someone happens to “remind you”, whether it be another resident or staff worker, please do not be abusive or take it out on them. This is the ‘new normal’ for a while, we all need to comply if we want to keep this disease as isolated as possible. Everyone matters!

Finally, I would like to congratulate our newly elected officials as a result of the June 1, 2020 election.

Stay Safe, Be Vigilant  
 God Bless and Take Care of Each Other,  
**Manuel D. Silva**  
*Chairman, Board of Selectmen*



## LUDLOW Senior CENTER

Hey all! I just want to remind you all... WE MISS YOU! And of course, we are here and all you have to do is call...583-3564.

Maria, our Activities Director has been working hard on all the virtual programming. If we do not have your e-mail address, please e-mail Maria at [activity@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:activity@ludlow.ma.us). She sends out a weekly e-mail with all the Zoom information for the week. We will have a genealogy specialist over the next few Mondays and “Coffee with Friends” on Tuesday mornings. Bingo is Tuesdays at 2:00pm. E-mail Maria for your card. We also have yoga twice a week. Tai Chi is available along with Trivia and other special events.

As usual, we have a lot going on! We can also send out a newsletter, just give us a call.

The SeniorStrong signs will hopefully be here this week. There was a delay with shipping. If you would like one of our new signs for your yard, call us at 583-3564 and leave your name and address. We are super excited to let everyone know that we are SeniorStrong and Stronger than ever!

### Grab and Go Menu

**June 11:** Cobb Salad

**June 16:** Baked Pork Chops (Birthday lunch)

**June 18:** Pot Roast

**June 23:** Pasta Primavera

“Say Their Names” mural inspired by death of George Floyd painted on MLK Jr. Family Services building

SPRINGFIELD – A mural inspired by the death of George Floyd that will pay tribute to unarmed People of Color killed by police, titled “Say Their Names,” was painted on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services building June 4th and 5th.

The project was organized by Common Wealth Murals, organizer of Fresh Paint Springfield, and Rosemary Tracy

Woods, Executive Director and Chief Curator of Art for the Soul Gallery. The mural is hosted by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services of Springfield.

The mural was designed and painted by internationally known muralist and graffiti artist Wane One from New York City, with assistance from two additional muralists, Nero and Souls. Wane One painted the East Columbus Parking Ga-

rage during the Fresh Paint Springfield Mural Festival in 2019 and a mural for the Friends of the Homeless Shelter on Worthington Street in Springfield.

The mural, which includes the phrase, “Say Their Names,” features the names of the more than 60 unarmed People of Color who have been killed by police in the U.S. in the past 12 months (from June 1st, 2019 to May 31st, 2020). The

people whose names are included on the mural are those whom police reported as unarmed when killed. The names and demographics of those killed, as well as the circumstances of their death, were drawn from the research by Mapping Police Deaths.

According to the project organizers, “We were inspired to create this mural by the death of George Floyd. We believe more must be done to prevent the excessive use of force by police, which disproportionately harms people of color. We hope this mural will create a space for public and communal mourning, inspiration and conversation.

“We believe free expression and community conversation during a time of heightened tension increases the likelihood of peaceful and constructive action. We hope that this mural will help people heal, process emotions, gain new understanding, and inspire concerted effort to eliminate individual and systemic racism.”

Wane One has been an active and progressive participant in the New York City graffiti community for 36 years. Wane One has painted over 35 public murals in New York City and around the world. He has designed for legendary hip-hop groups and artists like Gangstarr, Jeru the Damager and Group Home and well-known brands such as Nike, Reebok, New Balance and RYU.

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## Springfield City Councilor Orlando Ramos urges residents to sign online petition

SPRINGFIELD – Last month, Springfield City Councilor Orlando Ramos expressed his strong opposition to the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission over their proposed 16.9% rate increase. Since then, the Commission has announced that they have reduced that amount to 9.5%. Councilor Ramos says that does not go far enough.

"The people who are going to be affected by this, their residential

customers, many of them are unemployed" Ramos said, adding that many of their commercial customers have been forced to close.

"This is not the time for the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to raise their rates."

Ramos is asking residents to help convince the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission to freeze the rate by signing the online petition on [Change.org](http://Change.org). The petition reads:

"I strongly oppose any rate increase being sought by the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission, at this time on behalf of everyone who will be severely impacted by this unjustified jump in their water bills. I respectfully ask the Commission to FREEZE their current rate, until this pandemic is over."

The Commission will be voting on the rate increase next Tuesday, June 17.

## Ludlow resident appointed at Big Y in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD – The management of Big Y Foods, Inc. announced on June 2nd the following new appointment:

Massachusetts Home-town: Ludlow

Devyn Amelia R. Blais Webb, Director of Finance, Springfield, Mass. Store Support Center

According to Michael J. Galat, vice president employee services, "At Big Y, we are committed to providing the tools and training necessary to support our employees in their development. We look forward to their growth in the pursuit of excellence as they personally develop their own skills in order to take on these new levels of responsibility."

## BHN clinic for the treatment of substance use disorders opens

SPRINGFIELD – Behavioral Health Network (BHN) has announced the opening on June 1st of a new outpatient clinic for the treatment of substance use disorders (SUD) on its Liberty Street campus. The clinic offers medically supervised methadone in addition to suboxone, vivitrol, other FDA approved medications, and counseling.

BHN offers a full continuum of care and services in Springfield for those in addiction recovery. Recovery programs include acute treatment (detox), residential recovery homes, clinical stabilization, outpatient treatment and Driver Alcohol Education services.

The new clinic will serve those who have started medication treatment for their addiction in other healthcare facilities or can be a first step in starting medication treatment for their addiction. FDA-approved medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies will provide a "whole-patient" approach to the treatment of substance

use disorders.

The new clinic will be open seven days per week and is located at 395 Liberty Street, sharing building space with other BHN programs. The campus also houses a crisis center, The Living Room, other 24-hour treatment programs, an adult outpatient clinic, care coordination and outreach services, and administrative offices.

According to Kathy Wilson, BHN President and CEO, "We are filling the gaps in treatment and expect that this clinic will help a substantial number of people who are finding the substance use disorder program a lifesaver as they continue on their road to recovery."

Dr. Ruth Potee, Medical Director for substance use disorders at BHN, said, "The data show better outcomes with the use of medication to treat substance use disorders. We have nearly 50 years of experience using methadone to save lives in the United States. BHN has a full scope of services to help people who struggle with addiction."

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# Baystate Health joining hospitals nationwide in seeking plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients

*Need is still great for whole blood donations, too, as pandemic continues*

SPRINGFIELD — Actor Tom Hanks has done it. So has his wife Rita Wilson. Several NBA players, too, and now singer Andrea Bocelli.

They have all donated convalescent plasma to help in the fight against COVID-19. Now, you may be able to donate your convalescent plasma locally at Baystate Medical Center.

“Baystate is pleased to announce the initiation of a new aspect to its Blood Donor Center operations joining with hospitals nationwide in seeking plasma donations from recovered COVID-19 patients. This new program initiative, termed ‘Hemotherapy Heroes,’ recognizes the important role these patient donors play in treatment efforts to combat the pandemic. Their plasma may help save the life of someone fighting desperately to recover from this deadly novel coronavirus infection,” said Chester Andrzejewski, Ph.D., M.D., medical director of System Blood Banking and Transfusion Medicine Services at Baystate Health.

Over 130 patient donors, who have recovered from their COVID-19 viral illness, have already reached out to Baystate’s Blood Donor Center to donate their convalescent plasma.

“The desire to help others after recovering from this debilitating virus is very important to these patient donors and their compassion in the face of their recent, sometimes severe illness, is very gratifying to see,” said Lynne O’Hearn, transfusion safety officer, Baystate Health.

Convalescent plasma is the liquid part of blood that is collected from patients who have recovered from the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19, caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 patients develop antibodies in the blood against the virus. Antibodies are proteins that might help fight the infection. Convalescent plasma is being investigated for the treatment of COVID-19 because there is no approved treatment for the disease, and there is information that suggests it might help some patients recover from COVID-19.

If you have had COVID-19 and are fully recovered, you may be able to help save the lives of other COVID-19 patients by donating your plas-

ma. Your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies helped your immune system to defeat the virus when you were sick, which means that your plasma may be able to help others who are now infected with the disease.

To qualify, you must meet the following current requirements:

- You must be able to meet routine blood donation eligibility requirements
- You must have a prior COVID-19 diagnosis documented by a laboratory test
- You must be fully recovered for at least 28 days
- You must be willing to authorize Baystate Health access to your medical record for the purpose of determining your eligibility for COVID-19 convalescent plasma donation.

Those who meet the requirements and want to donate their plasma can fill out a plasma donation data form at <https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/blood-donor/covid19-plasma> to begin the evaluation process.

If you haven’t had COVID-19 and still want to help, you can consider donating blood.

A single whole blood donation at Baystate Medical Cen-

ter can save up to two lives. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented challenges to the U.S. blood supply. Donor centers have experienced a dramatic reduction in donations due to the implementation of social distancing and the cancellation of blood drives. Blood is needed every day to provide lifesaving treatments to patients with a variety of medical and surgical conditions.

“We are grateful to everyone who has shown up to donate blood at our Blood Donor Center during the COVID-19 pandemic, and can’t stress enough the continued need for blood and platelet donations even as shelter-in-place restrictions are slowly being lifted in the community,” said Amy Khalil, Baystate Health’s blood donor recruiter.

During the pandemic crisis, Baystate Health has relocated its blood donation operations to 361 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke.

The Blood Donor Center is open daily: Monday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority and can be made by calling 413-794-4600.

However, platelet donations at Whitney Avenue are scheduled by appointment only.

Those donating whole blood must be in good health, be at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Per the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), whole blood donors should refrain from blood donations for 14 days if you have had any symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive diagnostic test (nasal swab test) for COVID-19.

Additional protocols implemented during the coronavirus pandemic for the safety and health of our blood donors include:

- Prescreening donors prior to their entering the Blood Donor Center
- Extra precautionary cleaning of equipment and workspaces
- Increased physical distancing between donors to comply with social distancing and group gathering restrictions.

For more information, contact the Baystate Health Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600 with questions or to make an appointment, or visit the Blood Donor Program on the Baystate Health website at <https://www.baystatehealth.org/services/blood-donor>.

## VALADAS from Page 1

trol and shift sergeant. He’s also served as a patrolman, bike patrol officer, gang intelligence officer and community police officer.

Valadas is also experienced as an operations commander, training supervisor, public information officer, intelligence unit supervisor, K-9 supervisor, dispatch director, emergency liaison, legal update instructor, special police unit director, internal affairs officer, and disease infection control officer.

His teaching experience includes serving as an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Department for Holyoke Community College from 2003 to 2007 and a staff instructor, legal update instructor, and Level III reserve officer instructor for the Municipal Police Training Committee.

Valadas’ teaching experience also includes serving as an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice Department for Western New England University, teaching a course on homeland security and terrorism.

Moving forward, Valadas also said his

goal is to continue serving the community.

He pointed to a Winston S. Churchill quote: “When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you,” which he said also carries weight with other staff members in the department.

“We are together; we’re going to be there for our residents with compassion, strong hearts and strong shoulders,” said

Valadas. “We’re strong; we’re going to persevere, have fortitude, and integrity, and I’m going to do everything I can to serve the citizens of Ludlow. I’m honored and privileged that they would give this honor to me.”

Former Ludlow Police Chief Pablo Madera announced his retirement from the post in January, after 37 years with the department.



Ludlow Police Chief Daniel Valadas faces the crowd after officially being sworn in.

TOWN OF LUDLOW RECREATION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ludlow Recreation Commission will be opening their summer program to Ludlow residents only. In order to comply with the guidelines and restrictions set by the Governor there will be limited registrations available as the groups will be smaller. Here are some of the guidelines we have put in place so far:

**Registrations will begin June 10th and run through June 26th - 6:00am-1:00pm**  
**Must have 2 proofs of residency (license & something with name & address on it)**  
**Copy of each child's shot records**  
**Payment is cash or money order – no personal checks accepted**  
**Program will run July 6th – August 21st, 2020**  
**All day program (9:00am-5:00pm)**  
**½ day program (9:00am-1:00pm OR 1:00pm-5:00pm) 4-6 year olds only**

**Camp rules (subject to change)**

- **When entering the park – temperatures will be taken Every Day, parents must complete a wellness form on each child and sign at the bottom – if temperature result is 100.0 or higher child will not be able to attend the program and will have to be quarantined for 2 weeks before returning. PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE AS THIS WILL BE A TIMELY TASK TO PERFORM**
- **Children must bring/wear mask at all times (except when swimming) this will be strictly enforced. Children must stay with their groups at all times. No gatherings with other groups will be allowed unless social distancing can be performed safely**
- **Children will need to bring a refillable water bottle, bathing suit (no gym shorts, cutoffs, cover ups etc) only swim shirts are allowed in pool (no t-shirts, tank tops or cover ups), towel & lunch. Please label all of your children's belongings (clothing, towels, water bottles, goggles & lunch boxes). Any items found not labeled will be discarded. Do not allow any toys, electronics, balls, games etc to be brought to the program as they are prohibited.**
- **Due to COVID 19 guidelines all programs will be CLOSED due to inclement weather**
- **Due to guidelines/restriction for reopening of the summer program the park will not be accessible to the public while the program is in session (8:30am-5:15pm July 6 – August 21, 2020)**
- **CELL PHONES ARE PROHIBITED AT CAMP!**

**As this Pandemic continues, guidance and rules are subject to change at any time.**

More guidelines/restrictions will be available at sign-ups and the Recreation policy on how we are planning on keeping everyone safe during the program season. Hope to see you soon.  
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# Governor Baker issues Executive Order in advance of Phase II

BOSTON – On June 1st, Governor Charlie Baker issued an Executive Order that provides a detailed list of businesses and activities that fall into Phases II, III, and IV of the Commonwealth's Re-Opening Plan. The Order also permits all Phase II enterprises, including retail, to begin preparations to safely resume operation in advance of the start of the second phase. In addition to the retail sector, the Executive Order details further requirements for the safe resumption of amateur youth and adult sports and outdoor dining.

Effective immediately, the Executive Order permits Phase II businesses to reopen their physical workplaces to workers only to conduct necessary preparations prior to the start of Phase II. Preparations include but are not limited to completing a COVID-19 Control Plan, implementing sector-specific protocols, and complying with Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards.

Retailers: Retail stores will transition from curbside pickup and delivery-only to browsing and in-store transactions with restrictions at the start of Phase II.

Social distancing guidance requires each retail store to monitor customer entries and exits and limit occupancy at all times to either 8 persons (including store staff) per 1,000 square feet of accessible, indoor space, or 40% of the retail store's maximum permitted occupancy, whichever is greater.

Grocery stores and retail stores with

pharmacy services must provide at least one hour of dedicated time for adults 60 years of age and older, while all stores are encouraged to offer exclusive hours or other accommodations for high-risk populations. For staffing, stores should adjust workplace hours and shifts, including leveraging staggered arrival / departure, to minimize contact across workers and to allow for on-going and off-hour sanitation and cleaning. Stores should also conduct frequent disinfecting of heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces.

Operators of enclosed shopping malls and other indoor, multi-tenant retail spaces must monitor customer and worker entries and exits to common areas and limit occupancy of common areas at all times to 40% of maximum permitted occupancy levels. Mall amenities like seating in food courts, children's play areas, and arcades must remain closed, while mall food vendors and restaurants may only provide take-out or delivery service.

Once Phase II begins, these standards will apply to all retail businesses except for Farmers' Markets, which shall continue to be governed by Department of Public Health guidance. These standards will supersede and replace existing Department of Public Health guidance governing grocery stores and pharmacies.

Retailers that have been defined as providing Essential Services pursuant to COVID-19 Order No. 13 will be re-

- Executive Order updates re-opening phases with details on additional sectors
- Allows Phase II Enterprises to begin preparations to resume in advance of Phase II
- Details rules required in advance of resuming amateur sports, outdoor dining

quired to comply with these sector-specific safety protocols within one week of the date that Retailers are authorized to open pursuant to the Governor's Phase II Reopening Order.

Sports: The Order also allows organizers of amateur sports programs for youths and adults to open their premises to staff only to make preparations in advance of the start of Phase II. In addition to requiring generally applicable COVID-19 workplace standards, the Order specifies that during Phase II organized sports programs will operate under the following provisions:

Limiting traditional contact sports to no-contact drills and practices;

Prohibiting games, scrimmages, and tournaments;

Separating participants into groups of 10 or less;

Restricting the use of indoor athletic facilities to supervised sports programs and sport camps for youths under the age of 18.

Further sector-specific guidance for

youth and adult amateur sports programs will be issued in the coming days. Subject to the implementation of COVID-19 health and safety rules adopted by respective leagues, this Order permits professional sports organizations to reopen their premises to employees and other workers for practices and training; however, professional sports organizations are not allowed to engage in inter-team games and sporting facilities will remain closed to the public.

Restaurants: Lastly, the Order permits restaurants to provide outdoor dining service with restrictions upon the start of Phase II; providing continued positive progression of public health data, indoor dining may be authorized by a subsequent order during Phase II. In order to provide improved opportunities for outdoor table service, the order also provides flexibility to a local licensing authority to grant approval for a change for any type of license that permits the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. In both outdoor and indoor dining cases, restaurants will be required to comply with sector-specific COVID-19 workplace safety rules for restaurants.

On May 18th, the Baker-Polito Administration released Reopening Massachusetts, the Reopening Advisory Board's report, which details a four-phased strategy to responsibly reopen businesses and activities while continuing to fight COVID-19.

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people in the 9th Hampden District with their concerns," said Ramos.

During his time as district director, Ramos said he learned about the legislative process, budgeting process, what it takes to get things done in the State House, and how to properly address concerns to people in the 9th Hampden District. The 9th Hampden District includes parts of Chicopee and Springfield, including Indian Orchard.

While his campaign has greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Ramos said he has been working closely with the public while continuing to stay in the race.

"I've been responding as best as I can as councilman to implement legis-

lation and policies that protect our city, and help people get through this pandemic," said Ramos.

Outreach efforts at the council level include working with the Department of Unemployment to expand the hours of operation and language access to employment benefits, working with the Department of Health and Human Services to provide masks for senior citizens, and advocating for the extension of tax collection, as well as suspending late fees.

Ramos said he also started a petition to convince the Water and Sewer Commission to vote against the rate hike.

As for his campaign, he has been trying to contact as many people as possible, whether it be through social me-

dia or direct mail.

In Indian Orchard, Ramos' contributions to the community include helping start the Purple Cane, which annually recognizes the oldest living resident in the neighborhood with a ceremony.

Ramos also helped fund the revitalization of the Godfrey Triangle War Memorial and Myrtle Street and Hubbard parks, and has secured funding for Loon Pond as well as a \$4 million bond intended for the revitalization of Main Street.

If elected as State Representative, Councilor Ramos said his priority number one would be to work on helping the community recovery from COVID-19. Those efforts would include helping small businesses recover

and rehire displaced workers.

"I'm also looking to propose legislation to provide virtual job training for displaced workers," said Ramos.

In Indian Orchard, Ramos said he also plans to make sure that the \$4 million economic development bundle would be released by Governor Charlie Baker to ensure that there is a solid plan set to revitalize the neighborhood, and will work with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to ensure that residents can find a place for safe swimming in the Orchard.

The primary election for the 9th Hampden District race is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 1. To learn more about Councilor Ramos, visit his website, <https://voteorlandoramos.com/>.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

When Barn Swallows rule the roost



By Joan E. B. Coombs

Looking at life from a bird’s eye view is a unique perspective. A bird’s eyesight far surpasses normal, human eyesight. And, a Barn Swallow can spy from the sky a spec of a meal. Dive to dine. Swoop. Scoop. Done deal. Fast Food. Meal appeal.

As tiny, yet as mighty as Barn Swallows are, they are experts at winging it. Everything. As a matter of fact, there have been and still are having times when they absolutely “rule the roost.” In plain words, they are the dominating and principle owner of any place they perch and plan to settle their brood to-be.

Also, like children, Barn Swallows play in fields, meadows, and barnyards. After late spring and early summer rains, they kid around in mud puddle pools. Then, as grown up, work-a-birds, they craft mud-grass nests that invariably get plastered against a building, or hung out in a barn nook, or tucked under eaves. Their nests are built specifically, annually, however, and wherever they intend to rule the roost. Their realm. They rule.

And, for the third year, any and all attempts at maintaining a private entry, free from the 30-40 mile per hour takeoff and landing flight patterns have failed. Neither barn-red broom brush, nor shiny, reflecting tree-trim wrapped on the under-the-eaves, light post fixture-- only one foot from the front door-- has deterred their roost!

Enter and exit Barn Swallows: birds that are often monogamous-partners soaring, darting and spending hundreds of hours creating a mud-pie-thatched nest for the coming brood. The batch of 3-8 eggs needs at least 2-3 weeks of incubation before they hatch. About 3 weeks later they can fly from the nest as fledglings.

Enter and exit humans: who knock on the front door when leaving. “We gotta let them know when we’re going out. ‘Don’t want to startle them and have bird’s nest bombshells all over.”

Leading the way, The Hub grabs his Mrs. hand. Scampering down the front walkway, they carefully avoid Barn Swallow cement-laden bombshells and dive bombing birds.

“You’d think nailing the red broom bristles on the front door frame and wrapping the shiny Christmas trim around the porch light this year would stop them from building a nest!” he said.

“I remember Barn Swallow on our family’s farm. Determined sky divers. They’d swoop down inches from the ground and our cats packed paw-punches at them!”

Nowadays, when not nestled on the nest, Mr. and Mrs. Swallow perch high atop a single lawn lantern. From their birds-eye view they inspect each human action. Every. Single. Step. And, they tilt their heads while listening to every single word.

The nest is full. The eggs will hatch. The fledglings shall fly. Mr. and Mrs. Barn Swallow will be feeding, teaching, and training their brood to navigate, soar and migrate. And, yes--we’ll always remember the on-going, annual times, trips and trials when Barn Swallows rule the roost.



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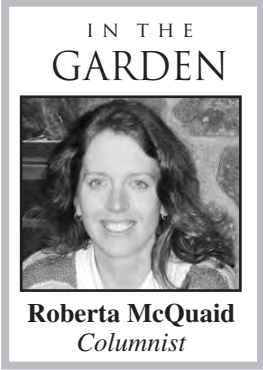
The late spring border is ripe with the color blue

By high summer there are very few perennial flowers blooming in shades of blue. We best enjoy them now, while we can. Blue flowers abound in the late spring border! You could easily design a monochromatic scheme using just cool tones. Here are my selections:

For the back of the border, try Amsonia tabernaemontana. This native plant is topped with clusters of pale blue flowers, each one opening to form a tiny star, hence its common name, blue star. Growing to around three feet tall and not quite as wide, Amsonia almost qualifies for “specimen” status, although it is not as showy as other specimens like peony or dictamus. Only one plant is necessary per grouping in full sun or part shade. In my garden, it self-sows, but not usually enough to make itself a nuisance.

Another plant best suited for the back row of the perennial garden is Baptisia australis, or false indigo. Gray-green foliage is pretty in its own right, until you see the beautiful deep blue-purple pea-like flower spikes emerge in mid-June. Easily four feet tall and three feet wide, Baptisia is a nice specimen perennial; one plant is certainly enough per grouping. The size of the plant you purchase may lead you to think otherwise, though, since transplants are usually puny and take a couple of seasons to establish. Site false indigo in full sun or part shade in rich soil. Refrain from moving the plant once it reaches full size or its deep tap root may be compromised. Blackish seed pods are hardly decorative on the plant, but do look nice in autumn floral arrangements.

One of my favorite blue flowers is Aquilegia vulgaris. Although there are many cultivars of garden columbine, we grew the species variety at Old Sturbridge Village. It can be found in white, pink,



Roberta McQuaid Columnist

maroon, purple, blue and almost black. Ours tended to be mostly blue in a hue hard to describe, perhaps more royal blue than purple-blue. If the color is hard to describe, the flower shape is even more difficult; maybe something along the lines of nodding bells with reflexed sepals? Lobed leaves are another attractive feature of this plant, although vigilance against the dreaded leaf miner is a must in order to keep it looking good. Here too, full sun or partial shade will grow decent two-foot to two-and-a-half-foot wispy plants, a size perfect for the middle row of the border.

Mountain bluet, or perennial bachelor button, as it is sometimes called, is one of my most treasured perennials. There is nothing rare about Centaurea montana, or even all that unique about it. I just plain like its oversized cornflowers and their lovely true blue shade. For years I managed to keep a clump going; it finally succumbed to chipmunks who demolished the plant trying to get at the flowers and seed pods. At 18 inches tall it is another plant best suited to the middle row of the garden. Plant in full sun or slight shade for best results. Cut back after it is done flowering for a chance at late season rebloom.

If you are still in need of more blue flowers, there are also numerous iris, lavender, campanula and spiderwort cultivars waiting to be discovered. Have fun planning a cool border this summer.

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GUEST COLUMN

# Is increasing access to methadone going to solve the issue?

By Marcel Gemme

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced millions of Americans to stay home and isolate for months. The self-isolation has proven mentally challenging for everyone. However, for those battling drug addictions, the ability to fight this new virus coupled with the urge to use drugs could have more longstanding consequences. Treatment providers and state health providers have had to adapt. The goal is to prevent an increase in overdose deaths while also ensuring recovering addicts have access to the support they need.

The addiction community is trying to find new ways to maintain the connection and help those who are vulnerable. Virtual outpatient services have become prominent, and many states have changed how they provide harm reduction with getting drugs such as buprenorphine and methadone to opioid addicts. Overall, the logistics of addiction treatment have become more complicated. Some doctors have taken advantage of prescribing buprenorphine without evaluating patients in person; instead, they are now conducting video chats.

Americans who have traveled to addiction clinics every day to receive a single dose of methadone are now receiving 28-day take-home supplies. In the state of New York, some clinics have even delivered methadone supplies by courier. The heavy-handed regulation surrounding methadone and other opioid medication is slowly changing amid this pandemic. Many people have been advocating for these changes long before this virus hit. Addiction advocacy groups hope these changes become permanent leading to buprenorphine being prescribed by video chat, supplying

weeks of take-home methadone, and allowing addiction doctors to evaluate patients by phone.

Why does the expansion for the treatment of opioid addiction always involve increasing access to methadone or buprenorphine-based drugs? Methadone is a drug that, when misused, will lead to overdose. Yet, it is no secret that within the United States, accessing long-term treatment and effective aftercare is not easy. There are many restrictions with insurance providers, private rehabilitation is not always affordable, and state programs are often always full. Addiction medicine becomes a profitable and lucrative business, and the pandemic has given way to sweeping changes.

Methadone is not a miracle cure. Providing a long-acting synthetic opioid to drug addicts who abuse opiates will not always prevent overdose or the misuse of other drugs. However, despite the risks and side effects, methadone has been used for over 50 years. Some methadone users remain on the drug for weeks, while others are taking methadone for years. Essentially, they become shackled to the drug. Methadone therapy is touted to prevent withdrawal, and fearful addicts jump at this opportunity to avoid the withdrawal pain and cravings.

There are countless stories of people being on methadone for years with the same goal in mind to keep the withdrawal symptoms at bay. However, what many methadone users fail to realize is their dosage continually increases, making it next to impossible to wean off. There are hundreds of thousands of Americans enrolled in methadone maintenance. Many states are beginning to expand methadone programs. Among the most aggressive states that sought

methadone expansion were Indiana, Maryland, and New York, which have sited dozens of new facilities in rural and suburban communities.

It is difficult to know how widespread the opioid epidemic will become once the pandemic subsides. However, addiction advocacy groups are pushing for more methadone and opioid medication amid the pandemic. The result could be an increased number of Americans using methadone and being kept on a short leash. It becomes a never-ending escalator as the dosage increases to avoid withdrawal symptoms. Eventually, it comes down to a choice—remain on methadone to ease the fear of withdrawal pain and cravings or taper off and detox to become drug-free.

Maintaining sobriety is not easy, and there is always the fear of relapse. Fear has always been a powerful tool to keep people from focusing on something better or different. The pandemic has created an endless amount of fear, yet every day more Americans are standing up and facing it. However, the fear of opioid withdrawal and cravings does not seem to be met as easily as more opioid users turn to methadone or buprenorphine. Perhaps one-day opioid addicts will realize achieving long-term sobriety without the use of methadone or other opioid medications is possible.

About the author - Marcel Gemme has been helping people struggling with substance abuse for over 20 years. He first started as an intake counselor for a drug rehabilitation center in 2000. With drug and alcohol problems constantly on the rise he utilized his website, *Adicted.org*, and community outreach as a way to spread awareness. His primary focus is threefold: education, prevention and rehabilitation.

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Now entering its 17th year, Senior FarmShare will provide 423 CSA shares to low-income seniors from Shelburne to Springfield. The Senior FarmShare program partners with 11 farms and 16 distribution centers to offer subsidized weekly shares across the valley. Funding for the program is provided by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and individual contributions.

The Senior FarmShare program fills a vital gap in food access for many seniors. This program not only provides fresh, local produce to area seniors, it also supports the farms in Western Mass. and bridges gaps between farmers and community members.

The distribution sites range throughout Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Worcester counties.

**Hampden:** Chicopee Senior Center, Gardening the Community, Holyoke Senior Center, Palmer Council on Aging, Riverview Senior Center and Urban League of Springfield

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Ludlow Lions Club scholarship winners



The Ludlow Lions Club 2020 Paul R. Baird scholarship winner, Sedona Wikar.

LUDLOW – The Ludlow Lions Club is proud to announce this year’s scholarship winners. Ms. Gabrielle Walczak is the winner of the James and Mary O’Neil scholarship, a \$20,000 award that has been administered by the Ludlow Lions Club for many years.

The scholarship is named after the late James O’Neil and his wife the late Mary (Flynn) O’Neil, both of whom worked for Ludlow Manufacturing Associates during the early 1900s. The couple’s three daughters all attended Ludlow Public schools and went on to continue their education. Two of the daughters attended what is now the University of Massachusetts. The scholarship is funded through the Marshall Family Trust, set up by the O’Neil’s son-in-law, James Marshall, who resides in Chicago, Ill. Applicants for this scholarship must be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst campus and be a resident of Lud-



The Ludlow Lions Club 2020 James and Mary O’Neil scholarship winner, Gabrielle Walczak.

low, regardless of the high school attended. Selection is based on community service, involvement in extracurricular activities and academic achievement.

This year the Ludlow Lions Club also awarded two additional \$1,000 scholarships: The S. Louis Marceau and Paul R. Baird awards. The recipients are Alexis Bragga and Sedona Wikar, respectively. Applicants must and be a resident of Ludlow, regardless of the high school attended and accepted by an accredited college or technical school. These recipients are also selected based on community service, involvement in extracurricular activities and academic achievement.

The funding for the Marceau and Baird scholarship is provided through the Ludlow Lions Club’s own fundraising efforts.

More information about the Ludlow Lions Club and their scholarships may be found at [www.ludlowlions.org](http://www.ludlowlions.org).

LHS student wins Thoreau Scholarship

LUDLOW – Matthew J. Tibbitts, a senior at Ludlow High School, will be entering college this autumn as a Thoreau Scholar. The scholarship, named for the 19th-century naturalist and author, Henry David Thoreau, is a prestigious award given annually to only eight Massachusetts high school seniors.

The son of Christine and Charles Tibbitts, Tibbitts credits his AP Language and Composition teacher, Mr. Charles Cangemi, with helping him to merge his interest in the environment with his other passion, politics. When Mr. Cangemi allowed his students to choose their own topics as they studied classical rhetoric, Tibbitts chose politics and the environment. Studying essays from Ralph Waldo Emerson and Silent Spring by Rachel Carson, and later reading Christopher McCandless’s biography about his fatal trip into the Alaskan wilderness, Tibbitts realized the responsibility we all have to protect and understand the wilderness. By majoring in government studies and environmental studies, Tibbitts hopes to help develop policies that will provide long-term protections for the environment. This fall, Tibbitts will enter Harvard College, where he will major in

environmental studies and public policy.

The Henry David Thoreau Scholarship is a \$20,000 four-year scholarship awarded to eight students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. High school seniors awarded the Thoreau Scholarship can enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field. Thoreau Scholars are encouraged to enroll in internships or study abroad to broaden their awareness and understanding of environmental issues.

The Thoreau Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends, and providing networking opportunities. A sign of success of the Thoreau Foundation’s mission to foster environmental leadership is the support past scholarship winners provide to present scholarship winners.

To learn more about the Henry David Thoreau Foundation and the Thoreau Scholarship, please visit [thoreauscholar.org](http://thoreauscholar.org). An online application will be available in mid-October. Students have until February 1, 2021, to apply.

Sydney Carrington of Ludlow named to Assumption College Dean’s List

LUDLOW - Assumption College in Worcester has announced that Sydney Carrington of Ludlow, Class of 2022, has been named to the College’s Dean’s List for the spring 2020 semester. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

“This semester, our students faced unprecedented challenges due to the

global pandemic,” said Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., president of Assumption College. “Following a rapid transition to remote learning, students adapted to the new form of education delivery amid difficult circumstances. The Assumption community is proud of these students who, despite the distractions of the COVID-19 situation, were able to remain focused and maintain a commitment to their academic programs.”

Quinsigamond Community College to continue remote instruction this fall

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College announced on June 2nd it will continue remote instruction for the Fall 2020 semester. According to QCC President Dr. Luis G. Pedraja, the decision was made to ensure the safety of the College’s students, faculty and staff.

“We did not make this decision lightly. The administration felt this was in the best interest of the QCC community with the continued uncertainty of COVID-19,” President Pedraja said. “Due to the pandemic, we feel it’s most prudent to leverage our experience and expertise with online and remote instruction and unprecedented support. This will allow for little to no disruption of services in the Fall, should the virus spike as predicted later this year. We will continue to monitor the situation, and follow the medical advice of local, state, and national organizations. A limited number of courses, such as labs or clinical experiences that require direct hands-on participation and cannot be delivered remotely, will be offered on

campus, as long as we can do so safely.”

QCC has a long history of online education and has offered hundreds of courses remotely prior to the pandemic. In early March, the College adapted quickly to the changing landscape and transitioned its in-person spring semester courses to remote instruction, in addition to delivering its full array of support services remotely.

Today, college students are facing an uphill battle as many are rethinking their fall college plans and looking for impossible guarantees from four-year schools that dorms will remain open for the academic year. Students looking for the “on campus” experience could find themselves back home and out thousands of dollars in a few short weeks or months, should residential schools find they must move to a remote form of education delivery as they did this Spring.

“This pandemic is one that is transforming how we look at higher education,” President Pedraja continued. “Right now, no one knows what the future holds and while we all want to be optimistic, we must be cognizant that our world may be forever changed. Making smart higher education decisions now, will pay off substantially in the future.”

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## Senior Lions were ready to lead team

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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LUDLOW – It took several years before the Ludlow High School softball team made it to the playoffs two years ago. Then, they made it again last year.

This year, the Lions would have boasted a lineup featuring five seniors.

Coach Melissa Rocker said the team would have had an excellent defense this year.

“It would have been a strength for the team,” said Rocker. “With the majority of our team returning 8 out of the 9 starters.”

Among the returning players would have been catcher Alyssa Moore.

“She was dependable as they came,” said Rocker. “Knocking down everything that was pitched to her; she was an absolute brick wall. She was a great teammate and leader for our team.”

Jessica Parker would have been the starting third baseman for the Lions.

“She was our rock and we could count on her every day to give us 110 percent,” said Rocker. “The team will greatly miss her and it will be hard to replace her.”



Alexa Palazzi catches a throw at first base.

Juliann Szemela was one of the top outfielders for the Lions.

“She was competitive and would take on any challenge,” said Rocker. “She never complained and worked hard every day. Juliann’s leadership on the



Juliann Szemela gets to third base safely during action last season.

team will be missed next year.”

Alexa Palazzi would have returned to first base for the Lions in her senior season. Palazzi was the starter last season and Rocker believes a year of experience was going to benefit her

this season.

“She would have had a year under her belt and would have come out stronger than last year,” said Rocker. “She was a hard worker and never gave up. Her desire to improve her skills

and become a better player was such an example for her younger teammates.”

Kim Santos was the final

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## Spec Pond League will have no fans to start season



File photos

The Spec Pond Summer Basketball League is planning to have basketball this summer once Phase 3 of the re-opening plan begins in Massachusetts.

*Other rules will be implemented as necessary for the outdoor basketball league*

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WILBRAHAM – One of first youth sports the area could see will be based out of Spec Pond in Wilbraham sometime next month.

Only this summer, it could

look a lot different for a while.

For several years, the Spec Pond Summer Basketball has been both a nightly and a weekend gathering place for many young basketball players and their families, which utilize the surrounding amenities during games.

Bryan Litz, the director of Wilbraham Parks and Recreation, organizes the league each year. He welcomes many teams from out of town, including Agawam, Southwick, Springfield, Ludlow, Belchertown, Ware, Chicopee, Palmer, and

even as far as Sturbridge.

There are divisions ranging from third and fourth graders all the way up to the high school level. There are both boys and girls teams and the typical night has games being played every hour from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the two outdoor courts. Area schools are utilized in the event games must be made up due to rain.

The season carries on through July and early August and then playoffs happen in mid-August with the championships concluding right before

the start of youth football season.

Litz confirmed the league is planning to start if and when the state enters Phase 3, which is currently on track to happen on June 30.

While Phase 3 lists “limited crowds” as part of the ability to resume athletic contests at the youth level, Litz has said the main parameter of starting the season will be that no fans will be allowed.

“There will be a maximum

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## Kolodzieys ready to start PVSSL in Phase 3

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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LUDLOW – As the picture becomes clearer, it looks like we will have summer soccer in the Pioneer Valley for high school students.

High school students have been away from one another since March 16, which essentially all education was shut down throughout the Commonwealth. Eventually, all recreation and activity was shut down as well.

Last Saturday, Gov. Charlie Baker announced the provisions of Phase 2 of the re-opening plan as Massachusetts continues to stay on a good course with lowering numbers of coronavirus cases, deaths, and hospitalizations.

With the start of Phase 2, the “cautious” step, the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is making plans for its return to action.

Just a few weeks ago, the coordinators of the league, Chris

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# 2020 Bay State Summer Games events cancelled through July

REGION – All Bay State Games events originally scheduled for May 30 through July 26 will be cancelled in consideration for the health and well-being of all athletes, officials, coaches, medical staff, and volunteers. The challenges and uncertainty that COVID-19 has presented prevent the organization from appropriately planning, organizing, and producing events in 30 different sports this year.

This summer, Bay State Games was set to celebrate its 39th annual Summer Games. Due to multiple venue cancellations, the inability to conduct team sport tryouts in June, decisions by sport governing bodies to suspend competitions, medical committee concerns, as well as other factors, the Summer Games will not be able to proceed as scheduled.

“We are committed to the health and well-being of our constituents. It is of the utmost importance to keep ev-

eryone safe during these unprecedented times,” says Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. “While this was a very difficult decision, we believe it is appropriate given the unprecedented impact this pandemic has had on everyone, as well as our ability to produce events this year”

Bay State Games remains hopeful that some events may proceed in the fall if and when it is safe to do so. Sport pages on the Bay State Games website will be updated with information as it becomes available. All athletes who have registered for the 2020 Summer Games will be refunded for their registration fee. If the sport you wish to compete in can be held in the fall of 2020, it will require a new registration. For more information, please visit [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org). Please direct all questions and inquiries to [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org).

## Senior athletes being featured

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The Turley Publications sports department is looking to honor the senior athletes who have had their spring seasons cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The senior features have already started rolling out, but if you have not seen your senior featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are

still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring’s season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com). In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn’t.

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 18. Smooth, shiny fabric  
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 23. Chum  
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 28. Sound unit  
 29. Ancient city of Egypt  
 31. Crease  
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 39. Scorches

41. Describe precisely  
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 48. Senior enlisted US Army member  
 49. A note added to a letter  
 51. A nose or snout  
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 60. Popular awards show  
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member of the senior class. Rocker said she was versatile and would have contributed as a senior this season.

“She worked hard every day and was driven to improve her skills on and out the field,” said Rocker. “She was very versatile and would have pushed her teammates to be better.”

Rocker said offense would have been an issue to work on this season. The Lions had trouble scoring runs at times last year.

“Offensively we were hoping to improve from last year,” said Rocker. “We were looking at having our players push pitchers deeper into the count and locking down some crucial base hits or walks.”

She also said she would have dedicated some time at increasing the team’s baserunning prowess.

“Working on our base running and becoming a threat to advance runners was a focus,” said Rocker. “I think that everyone on the team was really excited about what the season may have been. It’s unfortunate that these seniors were not given the opportunity to show their talents one last time or show their town what could have been. As I speak for the senior class, I think that they were looking at being competitive and winning league. I know that they were looking forward in pushing further into the playoffs and



File photo

Catcher Alyssa Moore blocks a ball in the dirt.

using the experience from last year to win more games.”

Without a softball season for all of 2020, Rocker believes it could hurt, but will hurt every team throughout the area.

“I think not having a season this year will definitely hurt teams across the region,” said Rocker. “Especially teams that had a lot of starting seniors. For us, it did not give our younger players the opportunity to learn, play, develop and experience the leadership skills that each of our seniors brought to the field day in and day out. These younger players will have to learn on their own and have to develop the team culture and expectations on their own.”

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of three coaches on the bench and at games,” said Litz. “But once we see what guidance the state gives, then we will also implement other rules.”

The Spec Pond league will be the first basketball that takes place in area since high school basketball was shutdown just shy of the state finals. In youth basketball, the Szlats Memorial Tournament in Chicopee was just beginning when the state

banned all recreational activities.

As the state continues its re-opening process, it is possible the Spec Pond League will be able to ease some restrictions in Phase 4, if that phase is implemented sometime in July. Each phase of the governor’s plans is supposed to last three weeks if there are no setbacks.

There is a registration packet now available online for the league. To access it, go to <https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=specpond>.

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and Diana Kolodziey, were noncommittal about whether or not there would be a season due to the uncertainty surrounding the re-opening and whether it would have to be delayed or scaled back.

However, they were always hopefully of having a season, even with a delayed start.

Normally, the season would start next week, but games will start under Phase 3, called Vigilant. Teams, in groups 10 and under, can start practicing, however, and the Kolodzieys are taking registrations and starting to organize a schedule that would start sometime shortly after June 30.

So far, the governor’s plan has gone according to the three-week schedule projects for it, which puts Phase 3 on target for that date.

The summer soccer season would likely last at least four weeks through to the end of July, but could also go into August. Diana Kolodziey said that is still being determined.

In their preparations for the upcoming season, the Kolodzieys have also pulled the trigger on a brand new website, [www.pioneervalleysummersoccerleague.com](http://www.pioneervalleysummersoccerleague.com).

The new site has a new way of registering teams and is designed to move most of the operations online, such as scheduling and reporting scores and other league information.

The Kolodzieys say will be looking

out for the guidance from the governor’s office on exactly how Phase 3 will be implemented as they look to start the season as soon as possible.

“Our goal is to get players playing and keep everyone safe,” the website states. “So we are looking at a quick turnaround to begin play once we get a thumbs up from the Governor’s Office. We want the league to be ready to go quickly once this happens.”

Teams interested in participating in the league should begin signing up as soon as possible and can email [kolodziey@msn.com](mailto:kolodziey@msn.com) for more information. Teams are encouraged to communicate with their school and/or recreation department regarding field availability.

On the new website, there is a link with new rules and regulations for 2020. There will be additional information about such things as social distancing and other safety precautions for the 2020 season. The league is planning to have both the high school and adult seasons.

Based on communications with the various teams that are regularly involved, the Kolodzieys very much want the 2020 summer season to happen.

“Based on the overwhelming feedback we have received,” the website states. “Many teams want to move forward and play understanding that we are up against some unfamiliar challenges.

The site states there will be a “condensed” season, but it unclear how many regular games will be played.

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# OBITUARIES

## DEATH NOTICES

**DaCosta, Bonnie L. (Desmarais)**  
Died June 1, 2020  
All services will be held privately  
Ludlow Funeral Home

**Pereira, Maria (Pires)**  
Died June 5, 2020  
Public walk through  
June 9, 2020  
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## The Ludlow Register OBITUARY POLICY

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## Bonnie Lee (Desmarais) DaCosta, 74

LUDLOW – Bonnie Lee (Desmarais) DaCosta, 74, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Born in Ware, daughter of the late Marcel A. and Mabel I. (Thomas) Desmarais, she was a 1964 graduate of Palmer High School. In 1965, she graduated from Machine Accounts Training (M.A.T.) in Springfield, and went on to work for Tampax, Valmont, Milton Bradley, and Caldor before retiring. Bonnie was a longtime Ludlow resident where she and her husband raised their children; and in her spare time, she loved gardening, doing puzzles, reading, going to the beach, and especially spending time with her family. Bonnie was the beloved wife of 52 years to Jose Manuel DaCosta; a loving



mother to Yvette M. Talenda and husband Jeffrey, of Southamptton, Catherine A. Zimmerman and husband Herbert, of Ludlow, and Joseph M. DaCosta, of Ludlow; a cherished grandmother to Kyle E.J. DiPenta, of Springfield, Alexandra A. Zimmerman, and Carl M. Zimmerman, both of Ludlow; a dear sister to Jacqueline A. Mattry and husband Ken, of Agawam, Pamela Desmarais, of Palmer, and the late Barbara J. Lovell; and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends. All services for Bonnie will be held privately by her family and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society ([cancer.org](http://cancer.org)) For additional information, please visit [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com)

## Maria (Pires) Pereira, 94

LUDLOW – Maria (Pires) Pereira, 94, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on June 5, 2020. Born in Meixedo, Portugal, daughter of the late Domingos P. Seguro and Gracinda DosReis, she immigrated to Ludlow in the late 1960's. She was a faithful communicant of Our Lady of Fatima Church and worked for many years at Chicopee Undergarment from where she retired. In her younger years, Maria enjoyed gardening and crocheting, and more recently making puzzles and playing cards, but her greatest joy throughout her life was spending time with her loving family. Maria was the beloved wife of the late Jose Pereira, who predeceased her in 2006; a loving mother to Bertilia Justo, former late husband António Justo, the late Armando Pereira and widow Heather, all of Ludlow; a cherished grandmother to Elis-



abete Fraga and husband Jose with whom she lived with for the last 25 years, Lina Justo, Carla Krause (Rich) and Marco Pereira (Caitlin); great-grandmother of Chad (Tiana) Nico, Shane, Hunter, Savanna, Dakota, Ben, and Ray; great-grandmother to Christian, dear sister to Antonio Seguro and wife Maria, of Ludlow, and the late Domingos, Camila, Manuel, and Gloria; and also leaves many extended family members and dear friends both here and in Portugal. A public walk through visitation will be held on Tuesday morning, June 9th from 8:30-10:00am in Ludlow Funeral Home adhering to State and Local guidelines in regard to no contact, social distancing, and PPE. Due to ongoing restrictions, additional funeral services will be held privately by the family. For additional information, please visit [www.ludlowfuneralhome.com](http://www.ludlowfuneralhome.com)

## Massachusetts (RMV) implementing further extensions

BOSTON - The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing today it will be implementing further extensions to the renewal timelines for expiring motor vehicle inspection stickers, passenger plate registrations, professional credentials, and driver's licenses and learner's permits, including Commercial Driver's Licenses and Commercial Learner's Permits (CDLs / CLPs).

While the RMV has previously announced extensions for most credentials, passenger plate registrations and inspection stickers expired or expiring in March, April, and May, today's action will apply an additional extension to those credentials and an extension to some credentials expiring in June, July, and August.

These extensions replicate the ongoing measures the RMV has taken to reduce the need for customers to physically visit an RMV Service Center or one of its business partners' facilities, allowing for 'social-distancing' by decreasing non-essential travel and customer volume. Additional, longer-term extensions will also allow the RMV to ensure 'social-distancing' guidelines are met as demand for in-person service and renewals resumes during the Commonwealth's reopening phases.

The new changes to expiration extensions will be in effect as follows:

Driver's licenses and ID cards, including Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in September 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. Driver's licenses and ID cards that will expire in June have been extended until October 2020, those that will expire in July have been extended until November 2020, and those that will expire in August have been extended until December 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. The specific expiration date typically coincides with an individual's birth date. Customers holding an RMV credential marked "Limited-Term" that has expired or will expire between March 1 and August 31, 2020 should visit [Mass.gov/RMV](http://Mass.gov/RMV) for more information and to check the validity of their credential. The RMV also recently introduced an online renewal option for CDL holders if they are self-certified in the Non-Excepted Interstate (NI) category for medical certification.

Learner's permits, including Commercial Learner's Permits (CLPs), that expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020, will now expire in December 2020. Learner's permits that will expire

in June, July, and August will also be extended until December 2020. This extension will allow additional time for permit students and driving schools to complete in-car instruction and a road test when those functions are authorized to re-start safely.

Road tests for CDLs are still being conducted during the State of Emergency. Massachusetts State Police manage CDL road tests and require anyone taking a CDL road test to bring and wear a face covering for the entirety of the road test.

In accordance with updated guidance from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), all CDL Medical Certificates expiring between March 1 and May 31, 2020, have previously been extended until June 30, 2020 and no additional extension will be applied. However, all CDL Medical Certificates expiring between June 1 and August 31 have been extended until September 30, 2020 and do not need to be renewed at this time. Extensions to

CDL Medical Certificates are intended to prevent license downgrades and elective medical visits, as well as alleviate demand on medical providers, during the State of Emergency.

The annual motor vehicle safety and emissions inspection stickers that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended until July 31, 2020. No additional extensions will be applied, and inspection stations are open at their discretion within the public health guidelines to perform this work.

All passenger plate registrations that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have been extended until July 31, 2020. The RMV has also applied a 30-day extension to registrations that expire in June, which will now expire on July 31, 2020. Registration renewals can continue to be performed online at [Mass.gov/RMV](http://Mass.gov/RMV) during this time.

All school bus, school pupil (7D), and bus registrations that will expire in June have been extended 30 days until July 2020. Professional credentials for School Bus Certificates, School Pupil Transport Licenses (7D), Inspector Licenses, Inspection Station Licenses, Driving Instructor Licenses and Driving School Licenses that have expired or will expire in March, April, and May 2020 have previously been extended until 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. The RMV has added June expirations to the previous extension and professional credentials that expire in June have 90 days after the State of Emergency is lifted to renew.

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LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

## Second Chance counting on Golf Tournament to help pets in need

Second Chance Animal Services has announced plans to host the 8th Annual Golf Tournament with a new venue and date to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. The tournament will now be held July 25th at Heritage Country Club in Charlton and golfers are currently limited to 76 carts in accordance with state guidance. People living in the same household will be able to ride together.

“With our major fundraiser postponed to the fall, Second Chance is counting on the annual golf tournament to provide much needed funding for pets in need,” said Development Director Lindsay Doray. “We moved the fundraiser because Heritage Country Club offers more options to ensure we can safely host the event including the ability to offer outdoor dining or take-away meals for the traditional post-golf luncheon.” Doray and the venue are closely monitoring the evolving situation and have several contingency plans in place.

Several foursomes have already signed up, but Second Chance recognizes there will be some who are not able to attend the fundraiser this year. The nonprofit is adding an online silent auction where everyone can bid on items in advance, including a pair of Adirondack chairs handmade and donated by the Hampden County Sheriff’s Office. The online auction link will be available on the website in July.

Interested golfers can purchase tickets online at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome. Second Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early due to limited ticket availability. Mulligans are also available online or during check-in the morning of the tournament. Check in will be 7 am and the tournament will commence at 7:30 a.m.

## EVENTS

*Editor’s note:* As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice.

*The Register* will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper’s weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled without enough notice to print an update. The Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers to confirm that it is still taking place before attending.

## TRIPS

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

“GHOST OF A CHANCE” at The Newport Play-

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For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman’s Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see “9 to 5 The Musical” by Dolly Parton, at the WestchesterBroadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and. returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

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# HCC, STCC announce small business resource series

Holyoke Community College and Springfield Technical Community College will jointly host a series of online workshops in June and July for area employers who want to explore programs, services and grant-funded workforce training opportunities to boost their small businesses.

Each of the three, 45-minute remote sessions will meet from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and focus on a different government funding source: June 18 (Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund); June 25 (U.S. Small Business Administration); and July 2 (Registered Apprenticeships, a program of the U.S. Dept. of Labor). Session leaders will talk about program requirements, funding availability, and application processes.

The Small Business Resource Series is being offered by HCC and STCC through their Training and Workforce Options partnership - TWO.

"COVID-19 is having a powerful

impact on the workforce and our economy," said Sharon Grundel, director of corporate training for TWO. "To emerge stronger, businesses really need to start re-tooling how they operate now and that includes re-training their workforce to meet new workplace demands. Through TWO, HCC and STCC are at the crossroads of industry and education and perfectly positioned to assist."

Advance registration is required for all sessions. To register, please go to: [hcc.edu/business-series](http://hcc.edu/business-series)

Log in information for each remote session will be supplied after registration is complete.

Part I: Workforce Training Fund, June 18, 9-9:45 a.m.: Workforce Training Fund outreach manager Kristen Rayne will provide an overview of grant programs.

Part II: Small Business Administration, June 25, 9-9:45 a.m.: Oreste Varela, branch manager for the SBA office in

Springfield, will talk about SBA programs and services available to prospective and current entrepreneurs who need assistance starting or expanding their businesses.

Part III: Registered Apprenticeships, July 2, 9-9:45 a.m.: Melissa A. Scibelli, director of Workforce Development Programs for MassHire, Hampden County Workforce Board, will discuss the Registered Apprenticeship program, an innovative, work-based learning model

for new hires and incumbent employees that provides funds to assist businesses in closing critical workforce gap shortages through on-the-job learning and related technical industry training.

For more information, please contact Tracye Whitfield, director of business development, at 413-221-4443/ [twhitfield@twoworks.edu](mailto:twhitfield@twoworks.edu) or Sharon Grundel, director of corporate training, at 413-552-2316/ [sgrundel@twoworks.edu](mailto:sgrundel@twoworks.edu)

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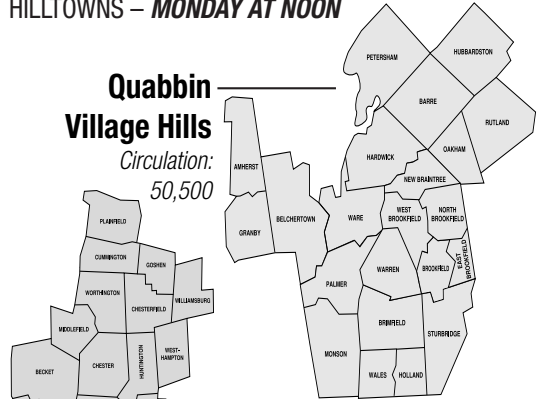
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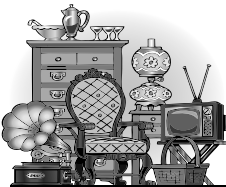
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## LUDLOW PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE – SITE PLAN

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.\*** on the application of Ludlow Renewables, LLC, for property located at **0 East Street, Ludlow, MA** (Assessors' Map 27, Parcels 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31) for the purpose of: **4 Megawatt (MW) ground-mounted solar array to be interconnected with Eversource's distribution system.** The plans can be

viewed on the Planning Board web site. [www.ludlow.ma.us/html/planning](http://www.ludlow.ma.us/html/planning)

**\*COVID-19:** Please be advised that by the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A, §20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the June 25, 2020 Ludlow Planning Board public hearing shall be physically closed to the public.

Alternative public access to this hearing shall be provided in the following manner:

This hearing will be conducted via conference call. Anyone wishing to partici-

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The hearing will be available for viewing on

cable access channel 191. Instructions for Live Stream via LCTV's Website are available on the home page of the Town's Website.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, July 2, 2020 @ 4:30PM.

**Raymond Phoenix**  
Chairman  
6/10, 6/17/2020

## TOWN OF LUDLOW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Public Works will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.** in the Public Works Conference Room, at

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Ludlow, MA to receive input on establishing a sewer rate for the billing period of July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. 6/10, 6/17/2020

## LUDLOW CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ludlow Conservation Commission has scheduled a Public Meeting under W.P.A. (M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) in Ludlow Town Hall, 3rd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room, for **Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** for the Request for Determination of

Applicability application of Source Nine Development for the property located at 299 Fuller Street, Map 10, Parcel 59. The subject of the meeting is: Replace existing septic system in area bordering wetland area.

**Jason Martowski**  
Chairman  
**\*\*\*Please be advised that by Order of the Governor-Order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law, G.L. c.30A, § 20 which limits public access and allows remote participation**  
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# The Big E announces latest Court of Honor Stage entertainment

*Hoobastank, Lisa Lisa,  
Big Brother and the  
Holding Company, Carly  
Pearce and Pablo Cruise*

The Big E has announced five new concerts to take place on the Court of Honor Stage, sponsored by Mattress Firm, at the 2020 Fair, which takes place Sept. 18 - Oct. 4. All shows are free with Big E admission and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The stage is located in front of the iconic Coliseum.

**Concerts include:**

Hoobastank, Sept. 25, 8 p.m.  
Fight or Flight, the new album from Hoobastank, marked the beginning of what was promised to be a vital new chapter in the nearly two-decade run of the versatile L.A. band. This musically and emotionally intense work is Hoobastank's initial release on Open E Entertainment (EMI) following a productive decade on Island Records during which they ruled the modern rock charts, crossed over big-time with the iconic smash "The Reason" and sold 10 million albums. The song garnered Grammy nominations for Song of the Year, Best Rock Album and Best Pop Per-

formance for a Duo or Group. Push Pull, is the group's sixth studio album and debut for noted rock independent label, Napalm Records. Band members Doug Robb, Dan Estrin, Chris Hesse and Jesse Charland approached their latest album with the swagger and confidence of a band whose first three albums all went either gold, platinum or multi-platinum.

**Lisa Lisa, Sept. 30, 8 p.m.**

One of the greatest Latin Hip Hop/Freestyle/Pop divas to come out of the 1980's music scene is the legendary Lisa Velez, aka Lisa Lisa of the 80's super group Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam. The group shot straight up the charts scoring platinum hits with their first few albums. Their freshman album, *Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam with Full Force*, featured her break out hits "I Wonder If I Take You Home" and "Can You Feel The Beat." Those two songs helped launch the underground genre, Freestyle Music. They sealed that success with their third album, *Straight to the Sky*, releasing another number one pop single, "Little Jackie." The early 90s brought a new sound, merging dance music and Hip Hop, and Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam rode that wave to a fourth album, *Straight Out Of Hell's Kitchen*. Current-

ly, Velez is working with Robert Drieslein of Bobby Dee Productions and Uncle Snoops Army (the legendary Snoop Dog) on new projects.

**Big Brother and the Holding Company,  
Sept. 30 – Oct. 1, 3pm**

Big Brother and the Holding Company is considered one of the original, first wave of great psychedelic bands that came out of San Francisco in the summer of 1965. Founders Peter Albin and Sam Andrew met James Gurley and Dave Getz who joined the band in 1966. And to complete their sound, the legendary Janis Joplin joined as lead singer. The Monterey Pop Festival in the summer of 1967 was the first great international Rock festival and it was the moment when Big Brother and Joplin blew open the collective mind of the audience and rose to the top of the Rock music hierarchy. Fast forward to 1987 when the four original members would re-group to perform again. Since then, Big Brother and the Holding Company has toured continuously in the US, Canada, Europe and Asia. After losing James Gurley in 2009 and Sam Andrew in 2015, Albin and Getz continue to present the music of Big Brother and the Holding Co to the world: "Piece

of My Heart," "Summertime," "Ball and Chain" and more.

**Carly Pearce, Oct. 2, 8 p.m.**

Carly Pearce's kind of Country is fiercely rooted in the classics. She left her Kentucky home and high school at age 16 to take a job at Dollywood and, defying the odds, debuted her No. 1 single "Every Little Thing" in 2017, which made her the highest charting solo female since July 2015. She has been nominated for ACM, CMA and CMT awards, winning the latter for Breakthrough Video of the Year for "Every Little Thing" in 2018. A loyal advocate of Country music's legacy and future, it's no surprise an institution like the Grand Ole Opry has invited her for more than 75 performances since her debut. Adding slots on major tours with Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts, Luke Bryan and Jason Aldean, she has become "Country's 'it' girl" (ABC Radio) while in pursuit of her childhood dream.

**Pablo Cruise, Oct. 2-4,  
3 p.m.**

In 1975, Pablo Cruise released its first A&M album simply entitled Pablo Cruise. From 1975 to 1985 the band toured the United States, Canada and Japan extensively, welcoming fans to "Climb Aboard The Good Ship Pablo Cruise."

Reaching the top 10 with mega hits like "Whatcha Gonna Do When She Says Goodbye?" and "Love Will Find A Way," the band went on to sell several million albums and singles collectively and established themselves as well respected writers and performers within the industry. They appeared on numerous TV shows and in 1979, broke Elvis Presley's attendance record at the Sahara Tahoe in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, becoming the first rock band to play a casino showroom. They also became the first rock band to grace the stage at the Grand Ole Opry. After a nearly 20-year hiatus, original members, David Jenkins, Cory Lerios and Stephen Price reunited and picked up where they left off. Today, the band performs all over the U.S. and Canada, and since getting back together, have released two live CDs and a DVD documenting their exceptional live shows.

Look for more concert announcements soon at [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com). The 2020 Big E takes place Sept. 18-Oct. 4 in West Springfield, Mass. Stay up to date with all Fair happenings by finding us on Facebook, following us on Twitter and Instagram or joining our mailing list at [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com).

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# Vanessa Otero named Interim Director of Healing Racism Institute of Pioneer Valley

SPRINGFIELD – The Board of Directors of the Healing Racism Institute of Pioneer Valley (HRIPV) has announced that former board member, Vanessa Otero, has been named Interim Director through the end of the year to support and move forward the work of the Institute. The Institute has also announced it has become a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Otero is among the co-founders of HRIPV that grew out of a City2City Pioneer Valley visit to Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2011, where a Healing Racism Institute was formed and housed at the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce. Grand Rapids has also established institutes in their community's faith and higher education sectors.

According to Otero, “This work began for me after a trip to Grand Rapids with other community leaders. I remember stopping John Davis, another founder of the initiative, in the hallway to tell him I wanted to be part of his effort to address racism in our region. Since then, even when my participation waned, I believed in the importance of this work and the impact it has on participants.” She continued, “The pandemic provides a moment in time where I can be of help in anticipation of hiring a permanent director. This is not a full-time position but as important as any work I have done for the greater good.”

HRIPV's transition to a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is a result of the Institute's growth in size and scope in recent years, performing work that has engaged over 800 individuals, more than 200 organizations and nearly 20 sectors. The work has also expanded into the metro Boston area. The nonprofit organization status will help as the organization formalizes resource development and expands its offerings beyond its signature two-day Healing Racism seminar.

As part of the move to a 501(c)3 the HRIPV Board has appointed Baystate Health executive and longtime social justice advocate Frank Robinson as the organization's first president.

Otero is currently the Director of Smith College's Urban Education Initiative. She has deep roots in the community serving on state and regional boards, including being appointed by the governor to the Governor's Latino Advisory Commission. Otero is also the chair of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. Most recently, Otero was asked to join the Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Health Equity Advisory Group, advising Commissioner Monica Bharel and DPH on health equity issues related to, and exacerbated by, the COVID-19 pandemic, and providing suggestions on solutions to be implemented at all levels.

Otero graduated from Smith College as an Ada Comstock Scholar. She has a Master's in Public Policy Administration from the University of Massachusetts.